

WILSON READS LAW TO GERMANY

Must Cease Submarine Warfare at Once or Forfeit Friendship of the United States—Reply Anxiously Awaited.

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson's long expected final warning to Germany that the United States will break off diplomatic relations unless she abandons her present methods of submarine warfare, and immediately declares her intention to do so, was delivered today in a note to Berlin and was announced by the President in an address to a joint session of Congress. The President demands nothing less than the abandonment of submarine warfare against commerce.

Both the President's address and the American note declare in unequivocal terms that only by Germany acceding to the demand can the breaking off of relations be prevented.

The President considers that the next step depends solely upon Germany, and that three or four days constitute a reasonable time for a reply. He is willing to discuss how submarine warfare may be conducted within the limits of international law and humanity after Germany absolutely abandons her present methods.

Diplomatic history records but one instance as yet where a breaking of relations between two first-class powers has not eventually brought war—that which now exists between Germany and Italy.

President Wilson's words leave no opportunity for double meaning. In his address to Congress, he said:

"I have deemed it my duty to say to the Imperial German government that if it is still its purpose to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare * * * the government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue; and that unless the Imperial German government should now, immediately, declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels, this government can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations altogether."

The note to Berlin declares:

"The government of the United States has been very patient * * * It has accepted the successive explanations and assurances of the Imperial German government as of course given in entire sincerity and good faith, and has hoped even against hope that it would prove to be possible for the Imperial German government to order and control the acts of its naval commanders as to square its policy with the recognized principles of humanity as embodied in the law of nations. It has made every allowance for unprecedented conditions and has been willing to wait until the facts became unmistakable and were susceptible of only one interpretation."

SUFFRAGE SNAPSHOTS.

When every nation is at peace, and every government is stable, when party disagreements cease, and statesmen all are wise and able, when the millennium is in sight, or seems at least not too remote, then only women might be right, to ask to vote.

—Alice Duer Miller in the New York Tribune.

Equal suffrage is a contest between the women and the men who are ruled by reason against the women and men who are ruled by custom and prejudice.

Equal suffrage has not caused any overwhelming moral revolution, but it has added moral evolution in a number of ways.

The fundamental principles of democracy is that, What concerns all should be decided by all who have enough sense to vote.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Mr. Smith—I want a rest from this suffrage talk. I'd give the world to be without it.

Mr. Smith—Keep the world but give us the vote and not a lip will you hear about it.

Did you ever consider the harsh injustice of sneering at women's lack of political knowledge and then refusing her the opportunity of acquiring such knowledge?

Children should be taught by mothers who have developed civic knowledge and civic science.

Equal suffrage benefits the home by giving the home-maker equal power with the breadwinner to elect the lawmakers whose laws effect the home as well as business life. Men need the ballot to advance their business interest, women to protect the home.

The privilege of persuading a politician is never worth as much as the power to command him. Another reason why women should have the ballot.

Equal Suffrage League of Virginia.

THE WISE VIRGINIAN REVIVES.

(Coalfield Progress.)

After a long suspension, the Wise Virginian is under way again, under the management of Lee Bryan, of South Carolina. Mr. Bryan is a circulation specialist and well devotes his time to building up the subscription list, and advertising and job work. His wife will be reporter and had charge of the office. They make a strong team, and have every prospect of business.

AMERICAN HORSES FOR WAR.

(Breeder's Gazette.)

"The present European war has repeated the dependence of foreign countries on the horse supply of the United States. From our 25,000,000 horses we have been advantaged by shipping already 521,000. Even this may not have convinced impractical theorists that without our so-called government breeding we may not supply for our own service as many as 2,000 annual remounts.

"Our horses accepted by foreign countries have been no better than the poor mounts of the United States cavalry. The best that have been taken have been for field artillery, and many good mares have gone away, and in many instances because of the governments breeding menace to our farmers and their discouragement on account of the wholly inadequate prices paid them by the United States government.

"It is well that we bear in mind that the destruction of horses in the impending struggle between men and the attendant interruption of horse breeding in Europe compel not only continued immediate demand for the American horses, but assures active ultimate market for the best horses that you can produce. These considerations suggest that we retain our choicest mares and breed along lines that experience has proved to be wise.

MAINTAINED TO DEFEAT SLEMP

Democrats in the Ninth Casting About For Man to "Clean Up" Lone Congressman—Believed Buchanan Can Do It

Washington, April 18.—Several men quite prominently connected with Democratic politics in the Ninth congressional district of Virginia who have been in Washington in the past few days are authority for the statement that a Democrat will be decided on shortly to make the race for congress against Congressman C. Bascom Slemph, the Republican incumbent.

After the defeat of two years ago of Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, by Slemph, after quite a hard campaign, it was thought that no Democrat would make the contest this year.

Recently, however, the Democrats of the Ninth, in whose breasts hope springs eternal, have been discussing possible candidates with a view to making another effort to elect a solid Democratic delegation to congress from Virginia.

Several names have been mentioned but it has been thought best to keep them under cover until some man is selected upon whom all elements can agree.

BUCHANAN, THE MAN?

Efforts have been made to influence former Senator B. F. Buchanan, of Marion, to make the race. He is thought by many to be the strongest man in the district to make such a race as this. There are almost a thousand Buchanans in the Ninth district, and mighty few of them have ever voted the Republican ticket.

Mr. Buchanan, who is one of the most widely known men in the Ninth district, has already announced himself a candidate for lieutenant governor. But this would not preclude his making the race for congress should he decide to do so.

He is now holding the position of counselor for insolvent national banks under the comptroller of the currency, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum.

He resigned as senator shortly after taking that position and was succeeded by his son.

HAPPENINGS AT HORSEPEN.

Mr. C. L. Daniel, of Richlands, Va., is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. W. Daniels this week.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mr. J. H. Hunt on last Thursday, the 13th, and the day was spent in quilting, etc., and a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by all who were present.

J. W. Harris was a visitor to the Cove, the latter part of the week.

Mrs. E. Presley celebrated her 71st birthday on the 15th. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ireson, J. E. Presley, of Bluefield; C. S. Daniel and W. C. Presley, of Richlands, and many others of the Cove. She received many nice presents. A good day was spent.

Newt and Roscoe Murphy, of Dearing, Va., were the guests of C. T. Whitman last Saturday night and Sunday.

Earle Crockett and Dudley Shrader, of Shrader's were Sunday school visitors on Sunday.

"Uncle" Jack Bowman is very sick at his home here.

Robert, son of r. and Mrs. R. S. Jennings, is improving.

John Daniel made a flying trip to Bear Wallow on Sunday evening to "recuperate, increase his weight, and rejuvenate."

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shrader are the proud parents of a bouncing girl.

Mr. Barton Milam, who is working at Eckman, W. Va., is expected home to spend Easter.

NOTES OF BURKE'S GARDEN.

Burke's Garden, April 19.—Farmers are very busy sowing oats and getting ready to plant corn.

Mrs. A. McGinnis still continues very ill.

Miss Belle Huddle has been ill but is improving and her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. C. J. Moss and Miss Ida Greener were shopping in Tazewell last week.

Mr. Kirkpatrick spent last week in the Garden in the interest of the First National Bank of Graham.

Burke's Garden was visited about a week ago with about twelve inches of snow and a few drifts are still to be seen on the mountain.

Prof. and Mrs. H. M. Eagle were out riding Sunday afternoon in their new Ford car.

Dr. and Mrs. Higginbotham and Mrs. Folsom were guests of Mrs. C. J. Moss Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. H. Rhudy has about recovered from her recent attack of pneumonia.

Miss Pearl Rhudy, who was called home on account of the mother's illness, returned to Roanoke Womans College Sunday.

Miss Lucetia Mahood is visiting friends here, also looking after her farm.

Mr. Thomas Vail is visiting Mr. Mike Cassell and other friends here.

Mr. N. W. Stowers is looking after his farming interests on Clear Fork this week.

Rev. W. C. Thompson has decided to postpone his revival meeting till the second Sunday night in May.

Mr. Kelly McFarland, son of Mr. William McFarland, a former resident of the Garden, died this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joe Repass.

Tuberculosis was the cause of his death. Interment will be made at Central church cemetery tomorrow.

ONLY TWO LEFT IN TAZEWELL.

Batchelor lawyers are becoming scarce in this section. The coming marriage of Mr. James J. Divine, of Welch, member of the firm of Greener, Gillespie & Divine, of this town, is the last of that bunch of lawyers who have heretofore had no one to "argue with," except brother lawyers.

Mr. Divine will be married June 10, to Mrs. Helen Dodd, daughter of Dr. Andrew Martin, of Lebanon, Tenn.

METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

EASTER SERVICE AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Ascension. Anthem, Hosanna, Adams Solo, by Mrs. Higginbotham, "Let Us Have Peace, Ball Sermon by the pastor. Hark! The Thousand Harps. A most cordial invitation is extended to both friends and strangers by the pastor, and the congregation. W. S. BULLARD, Pastor.

BURKE'S GARDEN AND TAZEWELL.

For reasons not necessary to mention the meeting for Burke's Garden is postponed. I will preach at White church on the fourth Sunday at 11 a. m., and at Pleasant Hill at 3 p. m.

W. C. THOMPSON.

MRS. BOWEN AND MRS. STEELE IN CHARGE OF TEA ROOM.

The tea room will be opened tomorrow, (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Caramel ice cream, cake and coffee will be served. Hostesses, Mrs. Steele and Mrs. T. C. Bowen.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. John Hawkins on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Hurley led the devotional exercises and much business was brought before the union and plans were made for our President's visit, Mrs. Howard M. Hoge on April 28th.

MRS. HOWARD M. HOGE COMING TO TAZEWELL.

Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, State President of the W. C. T. U., will visit Tazewell next week. She will meet the members of the Tazewell union on Friday afternoon, April 28th, at 3:30 o'clock in the ladies club room, and at night at 7:30 she will give a public address in the Methodist church.

A cordial invitation is given to all to attend both meetings. On Saturday, April 29th, the county convention and institute will be held at Richlands. All unions in the county are requested to send as many representatives as possible to this meeting. Mrs. Hoge will be present and preside. Business of importance is to be brought before the convention, and institute. Lunch will be served at the Richlands union.

MRS. MAGGIE WILLIAMS DEAD.

Sister of Mrs. Werth, of Tazewell, and Mrs. Hicks, of Graham. Mrs. Margaret Williams, wife of ex-Attorney General Samuel W. Williams, died at her home at Wytheville Sunday afternoon, after an illness of several months. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. Wm. H. Werth, of this town, and Mrs. J. W. Hicks, of Graham. Mrs. Williams died of kidney trouble. She recently underwent an operation in a Roanoke hospital, since which time her condition has grown gradually worse. Mrs. Williams was about 50 years old. She was the daughter of the late Captain Grayson of Bland county. She is survived by her husband, Judge S. W. Williams, an eleven children, and two brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Lafayette and Charles Grayson of Bland county and the sisters are Mrs. Wm. H. Werth, Tazewell; Mrs. J. W. Hicks, of Graham, and Mrs. A. H. Werth, of Wytheville.

The deceased had been a member of the Methodist church for many years.

McGUIRE-THOMAS.

Tazewell Young Man Married at Williams on Wednesday.

John Gratton McGuire, of North Tazewell, son of the late R. H. McGuire, and Miss Inis Thomas, of Williams, were married at the home of the bride on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the ceremony taking place in the First Baptist church.

Mr. McGuire has held a responsible position with his uncle, A. Z. Litz, as commissary manager at Logan, W. Va., for a number of years.

Mrs. A. Z. Litz, and daughter, Miss Anna Litz, of this town, Miss Nannie McGuire, of North Tazewell, sister of the groom, and Prof. Tom Litz, of Chilhowie, and a number of other relatives were present at the marriage.

FOR A CLEANER TOWN.

Notice is hereby given to all the citizens of the town of Tazewell to clean up and put their premises in sanitary condition by Saturday, April 29th.

On Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29th, the town will have wagons to remove all tin cans and other rubbish, (except ashes), if put in barrels or other receptacles convenient for handling, and placed on the side of a street or alley where they can be easily reached.

All rubbish not disposed of on the dates named will be removed at the expense of those who neglect to comply with this notice.

H. R. HAWTHORNE, Mayor.

BROAD TIRES AGAIN.

A leading citizen called in a day or two ago to say that he heartily endorses and wished to urge the adoption of the wide tire in this county, which has been repeatedly suggested by this paper for several years. The narrow tire on heavily loaded wagons and not the automobiles, is doing incalculable damage to the new roads. The narrow tire cuts like a knife. The Board of Supervisors and road authorities will to a wise and economical thing to take up this question as soon as possible.

WEEK'S NEWS OF POUNDING MILL

Mr. John Whitt Dies at Her Home at Paint Lick—Temperance Address—Local and Personal News Notes.

Pounding Mill, April 19.—Mrs. Nancy Davis left on No. 6 Saturday night for a visit to her son, T. J. Davis and family in Cincinnati.

P. H. Williams is here this week, the guest of his niece, Mrs. Julia Williams.

Mrs. J. T. Altizer and children visited their sister, Mrs. Alex Beavers and family Sunday at Witten's Mills, and took in the school entertainment at that place Saturday night.

Mrs. Jane A. McGuire and daughter, Miss Pearl, of Cedar Bluff, spent Sunday visiting their daughter, an sister, Mrs. W. B. Steele and family.

Mrs. Steele returned with them to visit her old neighbor, Mrs. Isaac White, who has been desperately ill of pneumonia and gallstones, but is recovering to the delight of her many friends and relatives.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie has been very ill since Saturday with symptoms of pneumonia, but is better.

Miss Grace Zimmerman spent from Thursday to Saturday afternoon in Tazewell.

James Neel, the r. f. d. carrier, was on vacation from Friday to Monday.

Rev. N. A. Comer, of Honaker, the M. E. Church minister, will preach in the Union church next Sunday night. He and Rev. R. E. Greer, of Maxwell, are holding a protracted meeting at Mt. Olivet in Baptist Valley.

Rev. Kate McDilda, of Cedar Bluff, will preach in the Church of God next Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited.

The croquet club spent a most enjoyable afternoon on last Thursday with Mrs. C. M. Hunter. Excellent refreshments were served. Tomorrow the club meets with Mrs. G. C. McLain.

JOIN THE LIBRARY CLUB.

The writer of these lines is a member of the Library club of this town. Recently he has read four fine books by leading authors. These books would have cost him \$5.00 in the book stores. The library membership fee for a whole year is only \$1.50, with the privilege of as many books as you can read. It will be seen at a glance that for the price of one book you have access to a large number, besides the encyclopedia Britannica, and other encyclopedias and dictionaries. Besides the good women need the \$1.50 to help out in the paying expenses, etc. Join at once.

THE DAISY FLOUR AND MR. W. A. BARNES.

The ad of this fine flour in this paper has brought Mr. Barnes a number of answers thereto. But Mr. Barnes wishes to state that he covered a little too much territory when he said in the ad, "delivered anywhere." He had an order for a barrel to be delivered away over on the northside of the county, beyond Dry Fork, Dick's Creek, Jumping Branch and Hog Wallow, which would have required two or three days time. "Anywhere" means in town, or within a reasonable distance outside.

SENATE PASSES ARMY MEASURE CALLING FOR A MILLION TROOPS.

Washington, April 18.—An army reorganization bill that would produce regular army and reserve military forces in the United States aggregating a million men was passed by the senate tonight without a recorded vote.

In the closing hours of debate the senate made provision for a regular standing army with a peace strength of 250,000 men, as compared with 140,000 in the Hall bill which passed the house, retained after a close fight the provision for a federal volunteer army reserve force calculated to aggregate 261,000 men and federalized the national guard forces of the States at an estimated strength of 280,000.

In addition to this combined regular and reserve force of 790,000 men, an amendment passed to create a school and college youths reserve corps in time of war or threatened war which would recruit a force of trained young men, schooled by officers of the regular army, the estimated strength of which is anywhere from 200,000 to 400,000.

EASTER.

Next Sunday the churches, in this country at least, will celebrate the Resurrection Day of Our Lord. It may be, that before the day arrives, this country will be in a state of war with Germany. Already our soldiers are in hostile arms in Mexico. Never has there been such an Easter celebration as this one of 1916 now promises to be. The awful condition of the Christian world is causing anxious thought among all thoughtful men. To make next Sunday a day of display and thoughtless show and parade, will be wholly incongruous and out of place.

The most becoming Easter costume for next Sunday would be sack cloth with ashes for the covering of our heads.

THIS POSITION ALWAYS OPEN.

A Missouri farmer, whose son was an applicant for a position under the government, but who had been repeatedly turned down, said:

"Well, it's hard luck, but Joe has missed that civil service again. It looks like they just won't have him!"

"What was the trouble?"

"Oh, he was short on spellin' and geography and missed a good deal in arithmetic."

"What's he going to do about it?"

"I dunno," said the farmer. "Times is mighty hard, an' I reckon he'll have to go back to teachin' school for a livin'."

SEND US YOUR ORDER FOR BLANK ORDER BOOKS, NOTE BOOKS, AND BLANKS OF ALL KINDS.

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TOLBERT GERALD DEAD.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT, Nemours High School.

Whereas, the great and supreme Ruler of the universe in His infinite power and wisdom has taken from our esteem and favored school mates, George and Roy Crawford, friends, faithful and honest in all things which they were asked to perform, it is eminently befitting that their school mates pay this tribute to them, who met such an untimely death.

Whereas, Nemours High School has lost so bright and intelligent members,

Whereas, a sorrowing family and many friends mourn their loss;

Therefore, be it resolved, That through these resolutions we express our deepest sympathy for the family and many friends;

And be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy recorded in the records of Nemours High School, and a copy be published in the papers, as a last tribute to our friends gone on before us to their resting place for the good and the faithful.

ERNEST LIDDLE, LEE MULLEN, Committee.

Nemours, W. Va., April 20.

THE OLD FASHIONED WALTZ.

The managers of the Easter dance have been fortunate in procuring an unusually low price for the four-piece Rhapsodie Society orchestra of Huntington, W. Va. Those who are lovers of the old fashioned waltz will be quick to realize why these musicians have an enviable reputation in their profession.

MISS DRINKARD AT W. A. SCOTT'S.

To avoid confusion and save everybody time and trouble, the information is here given, that Miss Drinkard, the professional nurse, is located at the residence of Mr. W. A. Scott and not at Mrs. O'Keefe's as heretofore.

EMORY CLEANED 'EM UP.

In the Intercollegiate debate between Emory and Henry College and Harvard, Sidney College, Mr. Willie Neal Hurley, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hurley, of this city, was the successful winner, the judges giving him a unanimous decision.

Emory also won in the temperance debate with Roanoke College, Mr. C. M. Cox receiving the decision.

MR. AND MRS. BLACK HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Black who have been at Palm Beach, Fla., the past winter, where Mr. Black owns a winter home, have returned to Tazewell yesterday morning. Mr. Black is still suffering from the accident sustained before leaving Tazewell several months ago. He informs us that the past winter in Florida has been a most pleasant and profitable.

RETURNED FOR ONCE.

The High School baseball boys borrowed the editors garden harrow to fix up their grounds, and it is here joyfully recorded, that they returned it at once. Now let the party who borrowed a garden rake from the same gentleman return it at once.

SOLD THE CORN, OF COURSE.

J. N. Harman informs the reporter that he has sold every bushel of the corn advertised in this paper. If you don't care to sell goods and things don't advertise in this paper.

THE EDITOR ASKS A FAVOR.

As a special favor the editor asks every one who reads these lines to send us the name and address of at least one person who is not now a subscriber. To get the names and addresses is a troublesome and costly proposition if a hunt has to be made for them, but a simple and easy thing if each one of our readers will send us at least one name and address. Send as many as you can or will, but please send anyhow. We will pay for this service. A postal card—only a penny—will do. Please grant the favor at your earliest convenience.—Editor.

AT SHAWVERS MILLS ON MAY 3.

The flying squadron expects now to make a trip to Shawvers Mills on the third Sunday in May, and hold a great Sunday school meeting. Every school for miles around will attend. If there is objection, or anything in the way of the time and place for holding this meeting, we hope the good folks of Shawvers Mills will so notify me. If no word to the contrary is received the appointment will stand.

J. A. LESLIE, Secretary.

THIS REALLY HAPPENED, MR. MERCHANT.

"Where did you get that package from Mr. B.—?" asked a town man the other day of a countryman who had a large package under his arm, which proved to be a ladies suit from one of the large mail order houses.

The farmers reply was that his wife read in one of the mail order catalogs about this suit, and it was just what she wanted and ordered it.

You ought to patronize home industries," says the town man. "The merchants in this town have the identical suit, and could save your the trouble in sending it back if it didn't fit."

"Well; they have. We didn't know that, or we would have bought from our town merchants."

Thousands of dollars are being sent out of town and county annually for goods that our merchants have, but the people don't know it.

AIRSHIP IS SEEN BY FOX CHASER

While Following Hounds in the Mountains, a Flying Monster, Possibly a "Zep." Makes Appearance—"Cop" After It

Yes, sir; the airship which caused so much excitement in and around Graham, was seen and heard in Tazewell, according to reliable information reaching this office.

Our informant states that Matthews was fox-chasing in the mountains near Tazewell, when the ship appeared, and at first it was mistaken to be another huge eagle after Matthews hounds, but later was seen clearly to be an airship. There were several occupants, and as they passed over wig-wagged that they were on their way to Mexico to join the Villa hunt, after which they expected to go after the German submarines. They carried a phonograph, which could be heard plainly. It was playing "Tipperary," as it disappeared in the south-west.

As soon as Sergeant Thompson was notified of this vessel of destruction passing over our midst, he immediately went in hot pursuit to see if it had a 1916 license tag, using Hildreth's Hup to chase her. He is said to have found a clue near the head neighborhood of Thompson's Valley, and is following it up closely.

North Tazewell, April 21.—Censored unmercifully.—April 22.—The official observer, "the Hermit," reports citing a huge airship, thought to have been a Zeppelin, at 4 a. m. today headed towards Tazewell. By use of the powerful telescope he was able to read in large letters on the side of the machine, "WILSON." This is taken to mean here that the distinguished President need worry no longer over his re-election to the Presidency this fall. The air-ship was not visible to the naked eye.

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